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Dear Sir,

As a Operating Systems Analyst I have a serious interest in computers, and their operating systems(OS). Please do not let Microsoft get away with unfairly, and illegally, cornering the computing market.

Microsoft has effectively a strangle hold on OS's, and the applications that run on them.

By controlling the OS's Application Program Interface (API), and the release dates of applications that must use the API, they keep anyone else from competing.

The only hope of leveling the playing field, and increasing the quality of programs that the world depends on, is to force Microsoft to adhere to Open Standards. Open Standards by their nature allow the world of computing to interface, interact, and grow.

BTW, the Internet is a prime example of how Open Standards can allow may diverse systems to work together.

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